

# BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES

**NOTICE TO TEACHERS:**—Public Examinations for the benefit of those persons desiring to teach in Bates county, will be held on the 3d Saturday of each month in the Ohio street school house, Butler, Mo., and on the 1st Saturday of each month in the West side school house, Rich Hill, Mo., the examination commencing each day at 9 o'clock, A. M.

W. W. GRAVES,  
County School Commissioner.

## LOCAL ITEMS

**J. K. Brugler wants a lot of good farm loans, running from 6 to 18 months.** This is a good chance for farmers to get short loans, or sell short real estate paper.

**Judge DeArmond will open court Monday.**

**Let us all work together for the new railroad.**

**Butler will secure one and possibly two more new roads the coming season.**

**J. C. Courtney made a flying business trip to Warrensburg the last of the week.**

**Quarterly conference of the M. E. church, south, will be held Saturday and Sunday.**

**A bonnet covered with birds does not sing, but it makes a wise man whistle when the bill comes in.**

**Kickers and growlers should be set down on, and let us all pull together for the building of the new road.**

**Eight New converts united with the C. P. church Sunday morning and a number went forward for prayers.**

**W. M. Yancy, of Altona, one of the substantial men of that section, accompanied by his wife, was in the city Thursday.**

**France possesses the very oldest old maid in the world. Her age is 100 years, and she still giggles when she sees a "horrid man."**

**At the mast head of the Adrian Advertiser flies the names of Sly & Kirkpatrick. Glad to see that Tip is back to his first love again.**

**I. N. Mains, popular and enterprising merchant of Pleasant Gap, gave us a pleasant and substantial call while in the city Thursday.**

**The Texas train robbers are behind the bars. It don't take the rangers long to overhaul thieves when they once start out after them in earnest.**

**The indications point to a good crop of candidates for the township offices. Already some of the boys have put on the war paint and are interviewing the voters.**

**Rev. Ward's Sunday morning sermon at the C. P. church is considered by many who heard him to have been one of the most able and powerful sermons ever delivered from the pulpit in Butler.**

**The Ft. Scott Tribune says that the explosion of the car load of gun and giant powder at that place last week did upwards of \$200,000 damage. The shock was plainly felt in Butler.**

**John Reese, one of the reliable farmers of Deepwater township, and a democrat of the old school, called in the city one day last week and expressed his appreciation of our efforts in a substantial manner.**

**W. H. Payne came up from Mount View, Barton county, last week, where he has been spending the winter with his family. He had his paper changed to Schell City, where he will make his home for the future.**

**A. H. Culver, official instructor of the O. F., for the district 57, will hold a lodge of instruction tonight at Odd Fellows hall. All members requested to be present.—Rich Hill Herald.**

**Go to the opera house Feb. 3d and see the finest comedian traveling. Harry Adams, in the Factory Girl. Admission 25, 35 and 50 cts. Tickets \$1, now on sale at Butler National Bank.**

Mr. S. B. Newbill requests us to state that he has moved his books to his house for the present, on account of sickness, where he will be pleased to see all parties having business with him.

No town can ever expect to grow and prosper as long as one-half of the citizens are continually opposing all enterprises because the other half should happen to make the first step in that direction.

Butler needs a fire engine, and a well organized fire company. There is nothing to hinder us from organizing the company, but we would like to start some move that would get the engine.

Rev. Miller, of Kansas City, who has been assisting Rev. Alex Walker the past week with his meetings, left for his home Saturday, and Rev. Railshack, a revivalist and eminent preacher, will take his place and assist in the meetings during the present week.

The high license tax collected in Missouri for 1886 exceeded by \$30,000 the total taxes paid by railroads, telegraphs, bridge companies, merchants and manufacturers. While affairs of state are being discussed, this is a fact worth remembering.—Republican.

The popular Harry Adams Combination will play at the opera house for three nights, commencing Feb. 3d. Opening play, the Factory Girl. Popular prices of admission—25, 35 and 50 cents. Season tickets, good for the three nights, \$1. Tickets now on sale at Butler National Bank.

In Algeria the bride always rides to the wedding on a mule led by the bridegroom. The wedding occurs at his home and on reaching the door he lifts the girl from the mule and carries her inside, the assembled damsels and youth meantime pelting him and switching him with olive branches.

Sheriff Glazebrook has appointed Sidney C. Franklin a special deputy for the February term of circuit court. This is an excellent appointment as Sidney is one of the most energetic and trustworthy young gentlemen we have in Butler, thoroughly reliable in all things, and Mr. Glazebrook need have no fears to intrust any business into his keeping.

R. N. Stubblefield, one of old Summit's best farmers, called Saturday and informed us that he would leave about the last of the month for southern California on a prospecting tour and, if he liked the country, would probably locate. While we would dislike very much to lose him, yet if he concludes to go the best wishes of the TIMES and a host of friends will be with him.

At the meeting of the big 7 Wednesday the following committee was appointed to confer with the managers of the Chicago, Ft. Scott and Texas railroad: Wm. E. Walton, A. E. Bennett, John Atkinson, Sam Levy and J. D. Allen. These gentlemen went to Ft. Scott yesterday for that purpose, but we have not heard the result of the conference up to the time of going to press.

The earth's internal heat is now being forced into practical service at Pesh, where the deepest artesian well in the world is being sunk to supply hot water for public baths and other purposes. A depth of 3,120 feet has been reached, and the well supplies daily 176,000 gallons of water heated to 158 degrees Fahrenheit. The boring is to be continued until the temperature of the water is raised to 176 degrees.

The hand of death has again visited our community and removed from our midst one of our most beloved citizens, Mrs. Chas. Sprague, at about 5 o'clock Sunday morning, after a protracted illness of over two months, with complication of diseases. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and leaves a kind and loving husband, and a host of warm friends to mourn her loss. She had been an invalid for several years, and owing to the nature of her last illness her death was not unexpected by her friends.

The TIMES was the first paper in the county to suggest the organization of a building and loan association in this city, and the files of the paper will show it. We care nothing for the insinuations of the other paper to the contrary. The TIMES always leads, the terriers bark at our heels.

The city council have removed Leonard Davis from the position of nightwatch and put in his stead John Guyton, who entered upon his duties last week. Mr. Guyton is a good citizen and we believe will discharge his duties to the letter regardless of consequences.

M. W. Mize, our genial real estate and loan, broker, insurance agent and notary public, has one of the neatest and most cozy offices in the city. Mr. Mize is a thorough business man and will insure your property or loan you money as cheap as the same can be had anywhere. Call and see him over Bernhardt's jewelry store.

Farmers if you want an honest job of blacksmith work done, go to Jack Gipson, proprietor of the Star Blacksmith shop, just east of the Grange store. He is one of the most experienced workmen in the county and will give you satisfaction, both in quality of work and prices. See his advertisement in another column.

Ed. H. Meek, postal clerk on the M. K. & T. R. R., is in the city for a three day's visit to family and friends. He has passed all of his examinations, standing first-class in each one, and is now sure of his permanent employment at the end of his six month's probation. He informs us that he has a very nice run with agreeable companions, and is well satisfied with his position. His headquarters is at Sedalia.

Before many more days the TIMES will add to its job rooms a new improved Gordon jobber. This improvement and outlay of three hundred and fifty dollars is made necessary on account of the pressure of job work and to better accommodate our customers with first-class work. In addition to putting in the new press we will also have a large supply of the very latest style job type. When they arrive the boys will hear something drop.

Last Saturday a stranger purchased a horse of James Austin, a colored farmer residing three miles northwest of Pleasanton, for \$50. He gave in payment for the animal a \$50 confederate bill. Mr. Austin supposed it was good money, as it very much resembles the U. S. silver certificates, and it was not till evening that he detected the fraud. Officers were at once sent out to capture the thief, but as yet he has not been apprehended.—Pleasanton Herald.

Quite a serious wreck took place at the depot Thursday evening last. The north bound through freight came up the grade with a full head of steam and by some misunderstanding the switch had been thrown and run the engine off the main track onto the east switch on which several freight cars were standing. The engineer saw the danger ahead but could not stop his train and it crashed into a box car making kindling wood of one of them and doing considerable damage to the engine. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The doors of the Farmers Bank at Foster have been thrown open and is now ready for business. This bank has a backing as firm as the rock of ages, and we predict will do a good business and be a source of great convenience to the business men of Foster and surrounding country. Mr. Walton, cashier of the institution we are glad to note has secured the services of our fellow-townsmen, F. M. Allen, who will act as manager and assistant. Mr. Allen is a splendid business man, sociable, accommodating and careful, and is just the man for the place. The TIMES wishes the concern unbounded success.

J. K. Brugler & Son have a large lot of fine improved farms for sale cheap and on easy terms. 16ff

## REV. PIERCE'S GHOST.

Seen by Gripman of the Cable Car Which Caused his Death.

Kansas City, Jan. 27.—Yesterday evening as grip train No. 13 swung into the scene that witnessed the life crushed out of Rev. R. R. Pierce, last October, the passengers were horrified to see the conductor, Clarence Jones, drop to the floor in a fit, frothing at the mouth and struggling in the most frightful convulsions. The train was stopped and the stricken man conveyed to his home at 916 Washington street. On the way he partly regained consciousness and exclaimed, "There he is, I can see him under the cars!" The incident developed a most singular story. In October last the Rev. Pierce, well known here and in Independence as well as in Butler, was attending a conference of his church association and took a cable train to visit friends on the east side. The car in which he was sitting was the grip, and seeing it pass the point where he desired to alight he hastily stepped off. He was thrown around behind the grip car and the wheels of the following car passed directly over his head, crushing his skull like an eggshell.

Jones was the gripman of the car upon which the Rev. Pierce was riding, and although he was not to blame in any way, the affair affected him terribly. He grew morbid, lost sleep, and the efforts of his companions and co-workers with whom he was very popular failed to arouse him. He was taken off the grip and made conductor, but could never recover his nerve. Every time he would pass the fatal spot he would be stragely affected and the culmination of his mental suffering came yesterday when the fit seized the unfortunate man.

From a Rich Hill gentleman while in the city Saturday, a TIMES reporter learned the sad fate of a destitute family who moved to that place a month or six weeks ago. The family, unknown to the neighbors, were in a most deplorable condition. The husband sought work in the country, and obtained a job from Mr. Wm. Johnson. During this time his wife was living in Rich Hill, and to sustain life would sell off piece at a time of their scanty furniture, and with the proceeds procure a morsel to keep soul and body together. Unfortunately for the husband, after he had worked a month, and with the glittering fancy in his eye that he would soon draw his pay and return to make his wife and family happy, Mr. Johnson, the man for whom he was working, mysteriously disappeared. With sad heart he returned to the Hill, only to find his wife in a much more serious condition than when he left her, being reduced by starvation to almost a skeleton and on the very verge of giving birth to a child, and his house destitute of furniture. Under the existing circumstances, there was but one alternative left him, and that was to appeal to the authorities for aid. As soon as the facts were made known to the Mayor, a physician was dispatched and provisions furnished, but in the case of the poor woman, alas, too late, as on Sunday evening she died in labor, and it is said for the want of strength and vitality to give birth to the child, having literally starved herself to death, and that too, in a neighborhood, where, had she made her necessities known, assistance by the neighbors would have only been too gladly rendered. Truly it is a sad case and adds another truth to the old adage, that one-half of the world does not know how the other half lives.

The citizens of Bates county in favor of submitting a prohibition amendment to the voters of Missouri by the Legislature, are requested to meet at the court house in Butler on February 5th, proximo, at 3 p. m. to adopt and send resolutions to the Legislature. By request of I. O. G. T., Butler, Mo. Signed W. A. WALKER, Com. C. I. ROBARDS.

The most favorable terms and low rate of interest given for good class of farm and city loans, at P. C. Fulkerson & Co. west side square. 2t

The blizzard of Monday and Tuesday knocked the sublime pleasantness out of the past week of pleasant weather, scattered the sunny corner loafers, changed the minds of those who were thinking of planting garden "sass," and compelled the dude to pull on his overcoat.

While we do not want to dictate to our brethren of the north ward who they shall run for aldermen in the spring, we simply suggest that that enterprising and wide-awake business man, Sam Levy, would make a most excellent member of the town board.

Perhaps one of the strangest, if not the only case of the kind that ever happened in Butler, is that of Miss Fanny Curry, who is lying very low at her home in the northwest part of the city, but persistently refuses to take medicine of any kind or have a physician see her. She was taken sick during the month of October with a severe cold, but, belonging to that class of mortals who believe in the efficacy of prayer in curing all diseases, commonly known as "faith cure," she put her faith in the Lord, expecting to be raised from the sick bed. She has been growing gradually worse all the time, notwithstanding the fact that a so-called faith doctor from Nevada has been with her part of the time, administering his spiritual consolations, and exhorting her to have the desired amount of faith, but refusing to let her receive treatment from a regular physician. Now, we understand, Miss Curry is in a precarious condition and is likely to die if she does not receive the proper medical attention. She is an excellent young lady, a strict member of the Methodist church, south, and it is to be deplored that such a wild phantasy has taken possession of her mind.

**The Revivals.**  
The Booming TIMES takes pleasure in announcing that the protracted meetings at the two Presbyterian churches are meeting with the most flattering encouragements. Both buildings are crowded to their utmost capacity on each evening and the meetings are growing more and more in interest, and scores of names are being enrolled on the church books. Let the good work go on until there shall be such a revival in Butler as was never witnessed before.

Hon. T. H. Smith, of our city, has just received a full set of abstract books for the town of Adrian, consisting of the original site as government land and all the changes of sales and subdivisions into lots up to the present date. He is prepared to furnish abstracts to any lot or lots within the boundaries of the original town company and all additions, and every change that is made and recorded at Butler is forwarded to his law and abstract office here on the next day by special arrangement made between him and the county Recorder, West. The books are complete in every respect, and the enterprise of Mr. Smith in having them prepared for the special convenience of Adrian and her citizens is highly commendable.—Adrian Register.

**Inter-State Business Bureau.**  
John A. Lefker & Co., Managers. Office on north side, over Steel's.  
We make a specialty of buying, selling and exchanging farms, town property, or any kind of business in Missouri and Kansas. Our office is one link in a chain of twenty-three counties—nine in Missouri and fourteen in Kansas—and any business entrusted to us will receive the attention of every office in the chain if advisable. If you have real estate, either farms or town property, or a stock of goods of any kind you want to sell or exchange, place it in our hands and we will find you a customer. If you want to borrow money at living rates we have it. We are the agents for the New England Trust Co. that has an unlimited amount of money to loan, and the fact that Gov. T. T. Crittenden is its president is sufficient guarantee that fairness and liberality are its watchwords. Come and see us and have a chat about these things and if we don't do you good we will do you no harm.

**FREE TRADE.**  
The reduction of internal revenue and the taking off of revenue stamps from Property Medicines, no doubt has largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufacturers. Especially in this case with Green's *Augusta Flower* and *Boschee's German Syrup*, as the reductions of thirty-six cts. per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The *Augusta Flower* for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the *German Syrup* for Cough and Lung troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicine in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted, in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents remain the same size. 4-177. c o w

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**To Tax-Payers.**  
Tax payers of Mt. Pleasant township will take notice that their taxes for 1886 are now due and must be paid this month, December, or the penalty will be added.  
3 AARON BELL, Collector.

**Special Notice.**  
Frank Pierce has bought a one half interest in Fred Dorn's barber shop. Frank Pierce is a son of Polk Pierce, was born and raised in Bates county. This makes a strong firm, as Fred and Frank have a wide acquaintance whom they will be glad to see at the old stand on the north side. 8 ff.

English Spavin Liasment removes all hard, soft, or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Stiffles, Sprains, Sore and Swollen throat, Coughs, etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. Warranted by W. J. Lansdown, Druggist, Butler. 51-19

**ICE EMPEROR OF BUTLER.**  
The ice packing season being over, I take pleasure in stating to my former customers and the citizens of Butler that I will be in the market again the coming summer, and will be able to furnish them with a better quality of ice than ever before. I have taken great pains, and been at extra expense to secure a quality of ice free from filth and drainage of feed lots, and have put up nothing but the very best quality from pure water. I have also purchased Mr. Groves' house and will be able to supply my customers this year with an extra quality of ice.  
9-4t CASPER STAMMENS.

**Wanted—A Blacksmith.**  
There is a splendid opening for a good blacksmith at Ballard, Spruce township. One coming with good recommendations can apply at that post-office.

Women are everywhere using and recommending Parker's Tonic because they have learned from experience that it speedily overcomes dependency, indigestion, pain or weakness in the back or kidneys and other troubles peculiar to the sex. 8 2t  
"Is't out of order" with headache, stomach disorder, loss of sleep, nervousness, etc., Parker's Tonic is the best remedy for all these ailments. A. J. Parker's Tonic.